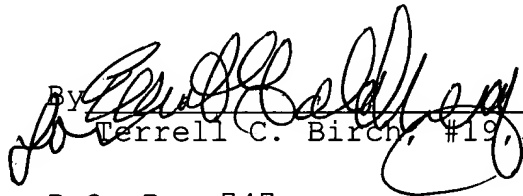
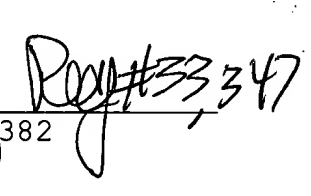


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Sir:

This is reply to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending.

Claims 1 and 2 are independent claims.

DRAWINGS

A corrected drawing is supplied as required in the Office Action on PTO-
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REPLY TO REJECTIONS

First Rejection

Claims 1 and 8-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being
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